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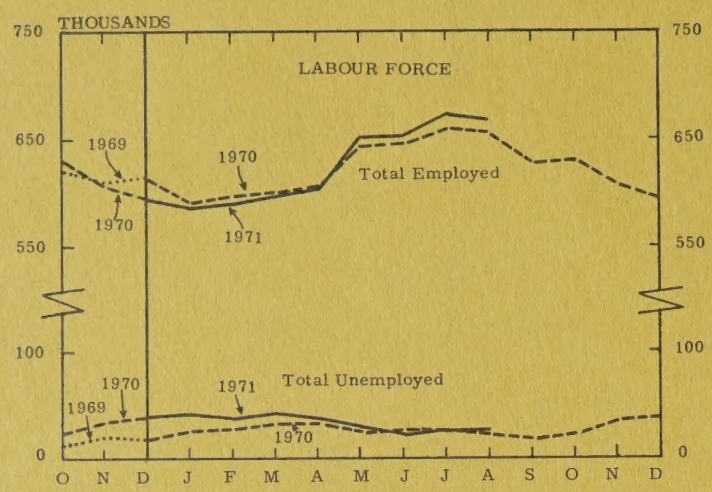
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1970
1971
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650
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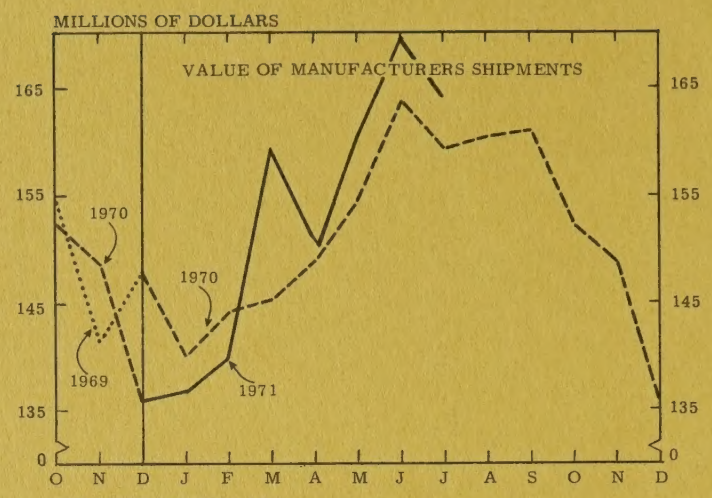
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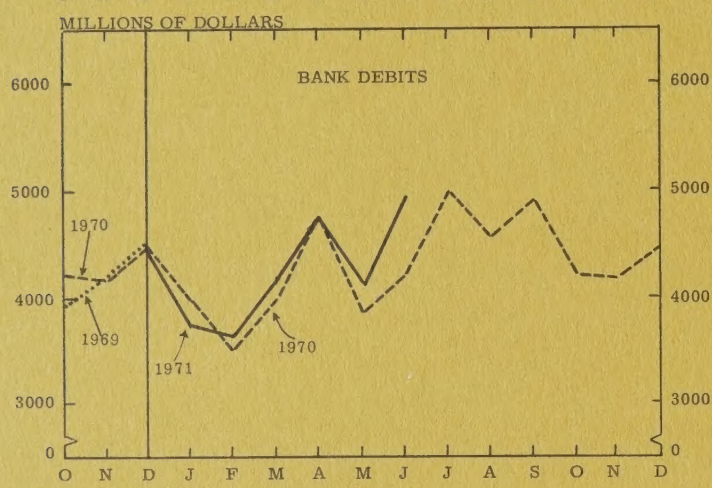
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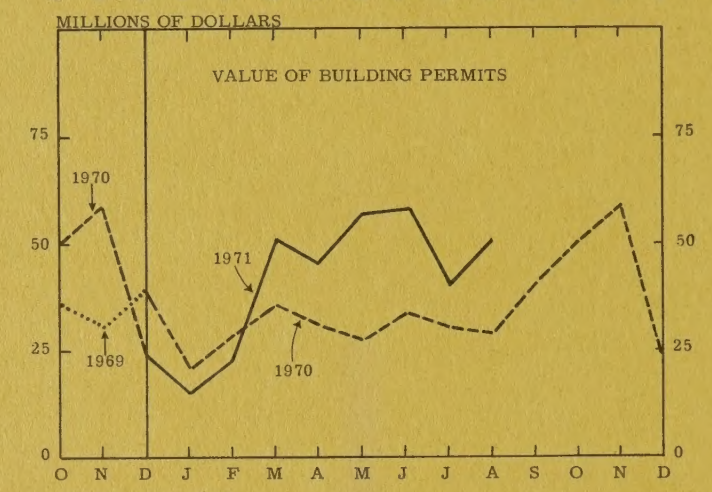
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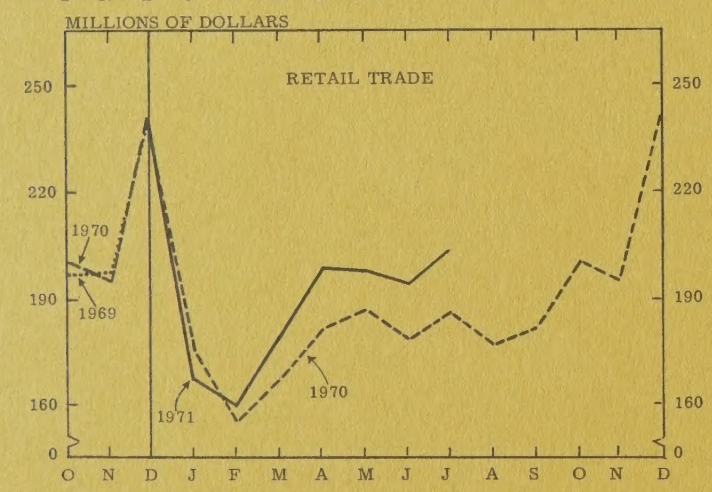
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1970
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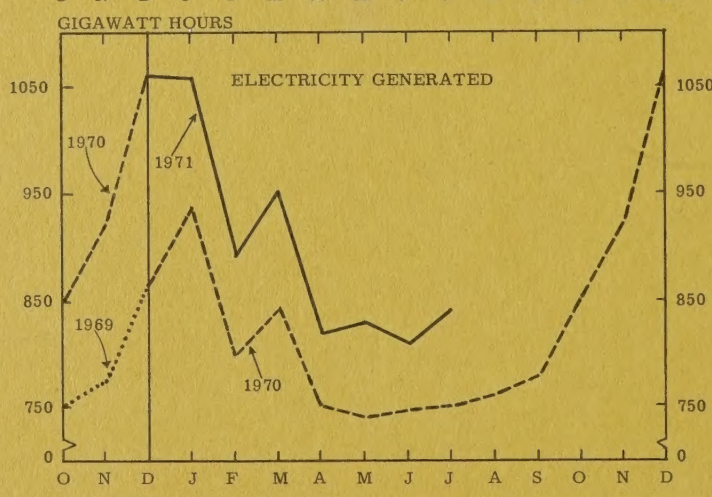
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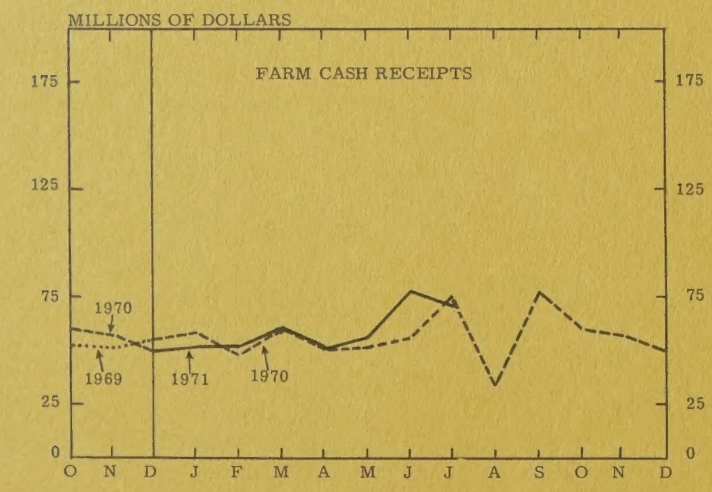
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1969
1970
1971
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125
75
25
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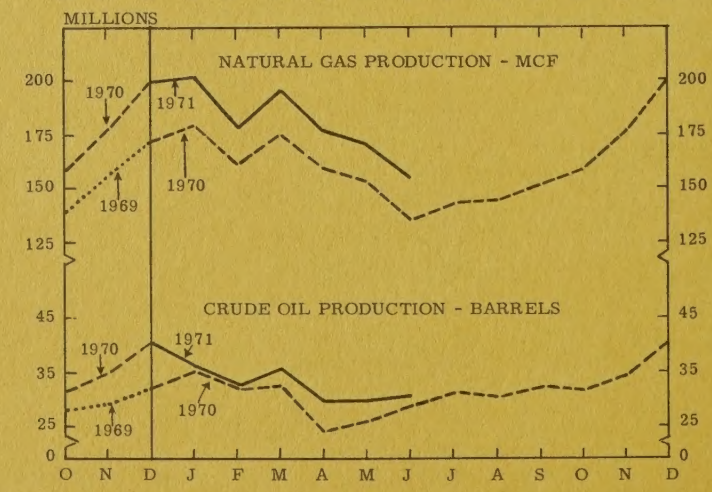
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CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION - BARRELS
1969
1970
1971
200
175
150
125
45
35
25
0
O N D J F M A M J J A S O N D

ALBERTA BUSINESS TRENDS

Indicators for the main sectors of the provincial economy show generally favourable conditions going into the third quarter of the year.

Increases in sales of Canadian grains and oilseeds during the 1970-71 crop year have resulted in a sharp increase in movements from Alberta country elevators. Shipments of the six major grains to the end of August this year amounted to 164.4 million bushels, an increase of 6.8% over the 154 million bushels shipped during the same period of 1970. In the first seven months of 1971 estimated farm cash receipts from the sale of crops were 28.6% greater than in 1970. Farm cash receipts from livestock and products, however, showed a 4.5% decrease.

Production of crude oil, synthetic crude, condensate and pentanes plus in the first half of 1971 increase 9% over the corresponding period last year, to 196 million barrels. The value to the producers, at $565 million, was some 22% higher. The value of natural gas sales during the period showed a 10% increase; production was up by approximately 12%. Coal production over the January-July period totalled 4.7 million tons valued at $22.4 million.

Dwelling starts in Alberta during July amounted to 2,077 units, bringing the cumulative figure for the year to 11,933 units. Of this total, starts in Calgary and Edmonton comprised almost 93%. At the end of July some 13,000 units were under construction in these two centres, up from 8,700 at the end of July 1970. The value of building permits issued in the province totalled over $341 million in the first eight months of the year, an increase of $100 million over last year. To the end of July, residential permits issued amounted to $175.6 million; industrial permits $9 million; commercial permits $68.6 million; and institutional and government permits issued were valued at $37 million.

The value of Alberta manufacturers shipments reached $1,084 million to the end of July 1971, an increase of 2.6% over the same period last year. Gross sales of packing plants for the period, at $259 million, were almost 24% of total manufacturing shipments.

To the end of the latest months for which figures have been compiled, unemployment insurance payments in the province increased by 56% over the same period last year; bank debits are up 4.4%; financing of passenger cars and commercial vehicles declined by 37% and 12% respectively; social allowance payments rose 13%. The numbers of marriages and births are both slightly below year earlier levels.

The provincial labor force decreased to 692,000 in August from 702,000 the previous month. The unemployment rate also decreased to 3.3% from 4.0% in July.

The Edmonton-Calgary consumer price index moved up by 0.5% in August. At 128.8 it was 2.5% higher than the August 1970 index of 125.7. The Canada consumer price index increased by 0.7% to 135.0 in August, from 134.1 in July.

ESTIMATED ALBERTA FARMERS' CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARMING OPERATIONS

	(July) 1970	(July) 1971	Percent Change	(January - July) 1970	1971	Percent Change
	$'000	$'000	%	$'000	$'000	%
Wheat	31,078	19,436	-37.5	94,929	79,795	-15.9
Oats	991	1,882	89.9	2,697	7,880	-
Barley	8,889	10,875	22.3	30,298	56,976	88.1
C.W.B. Net cash advance payments	-9,377	-3,439	-63.3	-22,719	-18,787	-17.3
Rye	142	420	-	803	1,636	-
Flaxseed	786	2,086	-	6,755	9,155	35.5
Rapeseed	406	2,544	-	11,736	25,275	-
Sugar Beets	-	-	-	1,404	854	-39.2
Potatoes	104	102	-1.9	3,533	4,138	17.1
Vegetables	209	207	-1.0	583	584	0.2
Other Crops	388	394	1.5	1,999	2,260	13.1
TOTAL CROPS	33,616	34,507	2.7	132,018	169,766	28.6
Cattle and Calves	22,018	21,912	-0.5	148,954	144,713	-2.8
Hogs	7,062	6,755	-4.3	57,376	50,226	-12.5
Sheep and Lambs	55	90	63.6	621	705	13.5
Dairy Products	4,422	4,087	-7.6	26,993	26,970	-0.1
Poultry	2,109	1,946	-7.7	7,850	7,961	1.4
Eggs	1,052	1,150	9.3	8,781	8,796	0.2
Other Livestock and Products	268	264	-1.5	3,311	3,166	-4.4
TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS	36,986	36,204	-2.1	253,886	242,537	-4.5
Forest Products	3	3	-	45	45	-
Dairy Supplementary Payments	1,213	-	-	3,369	2,195	-34.8
Deficiency Payments	1	65	-	1,179	166	-
Cash Receipts from Farming Operations	71,819	70,779	-1.4	390,497	414,709	6.2
Supplementary Payments	3,691	376	-	5,325	3,499	-34.3
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	75,510	71,155	-5.8	395,822	418,208	5.7

SHIPMENTS OF GRAIN FROM ALBERTA COUNTRY ELEVATORS
(thousands of bushels)

	(August) 1970	(August) 1971	Percent Change	(January - August) 1970	1971	Percent Change
Wheat (Including Durum)	11,108	13,369	20.4	82,710	81,066	-2.0
Oats	378	163	-56.9	7,029	8,194	16.6
Barley	3,888	5,185	33.4	54,747	58,242	6.4
Rye	62	306	-	758	1,680	-
Flaxseed	255	275	7.8	2,820	3,886	37.8
Rapeseed	147	864	-	5,912	11,305	91.2

TOTAL LIVESTOCK MARKETED AT STOCKYARDS AND PACKING PLANTS

	(July) 1970	(July) 1971	Percent Change	(January - July) 1970	1971	Percent Change
	no.	no.		no.	no.	
Cattle	99,992	102,074	2.1	669,702	659,438	-1.5
Calves	3,613	4,533	25.5	58,847	62,740	6.6
Sheep and Lambs	2,976	4,476	50.4	25,132	30,241	20.3
Hogs	126,940	168,279	32.6	936,082	1,252,187	33.8

SHIPMENTS: ALBERTA MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

		(June) 1970	(June) 1971	Percent Change	(January - June) 1970	(January - June) 1971	Percent Change
Oil Refinery Production:							
Motor Gasoline	M bbls.	1,522	1,416	-7.0	8,759	8,790	0.4
Diesel Fuel Oil	M bbls.	1,039	824	-20.7	4,182	4,060	-2.9
Other	M bbls.	938	1,020	8.7	6,302	6,847	8.6
Total	M bbls.	3,499	3,260	-6.8	19,472*	19,698	1.2
Brewed Products	M Gal.	2,182	2,383	9.2	9,233	10,931	18.4
		(July) 1970	(July) 1971		(January - July) 1970	(January - July) 1971	
Flour Mills (5 firms)							
Production	M Centals	344	351	2.0	2,849	2,347	-17.6
All mill products shipped	$'000	2,267	2,384	5.2	17,617	14,595	-17.2
Creamery Butter							
Production	M Lbs.	3,623	3,343	-7.7	18,027	16,727	-7.2
	$'000	2,346	2,217	-5.5	11,672	11,090	-5.0
Cheddar Cheese							
Production	M Lbs.	376	377	0.3	2,011	2,078	3.3
	$'000	169	198	17.2	905	1,095	21.0
Ice Cream							
Production	M Gals.	680	708	4.1	3,538	3,740	5.7
	$'000	1,054	1,182	12.1	5,484	6,251	14.0
Carbonated Beverages	$'000	2,475	2,653	7.2	12,598	13,578	7.8
Packing Plants							
Gross Sales	$'000	34,745	38,476	10.7	248,592	258,893	4.1
Production	M Lbs.	59,683	70,857	18.7	416,690	472,961	13.5
	$'000	24,932	28,523	14.4	183,139	188,944	3.2
Exports	M Lbs.	38,449	44,163	14.9	261,763	291,088	11.2
	$'000	17,083	19,218	12.5	120,402	128,969	7.1
Livestock Slaughtered							
Cattle	No.	74,412	85,534	14.9	498,580	553,831	11.1
Calves	No.	1,297	1,285	-0.9	10,563	10,553	-0.1
Hogs	No.	110,899	158,427	42.9	842,510	1,200,342	42.5
Sheep & Lambs	No.	2,574	3,118	21.1	17,050	20,833	22.2
Sawmills							
Production: Lumber	M.F.B.M.	18,821	19,000	1.0	305,552	345,000	12.9
Railway Ties	No.	5,046	7,045	39.6	247,837	227,272*	-8.3
Sales: Lumber	M.F.B.M.	35,898	57,000	58.8	212,320	372,000	75.2
	$'000	2,255	4,399	95.1	13,601	25,814*	89.8
Railway Ties	No.	10,674	7,491	-29.8	266,996	230,683*	-13.6
	$'000	28	20	-28.6	713	616*	-13.6
Cement Production	M Tons	90	96	6.7	494	461	-6.7
Value of Manufacturing Shipments: All Industries	$'000	159,386	164,448	3.2	1,056,797*	1,084,106*	2.6
Electricity: Net Generated	M W H	752,113	841,626	11.9	5,582,697	6,206,652	11.2

*Revised

		(July) 1970	(July) 1971	Percent Change	(January - July) 1970	(January - July) 1971	Percent Change
Coal Production							
Bituminous	M Tons	261	317	21.5	1,375	2,347	70.7
Sub-Bituminous	M Tons	207	251	21.3	2,158	2,371	9.9
	$'000	2,149	2,711	26.2	12,166	22,449	84.5
Salt Production	M Tons	23	22	-4.4	158	146	-7.6
Lime Production	M Tons	8	7	-12.5	47	47	-
	$'000	148	136	-8.1	912	946	3.7
		(June) 1970	(June) 1971		(January - June) 1970	(January - June) 1971	
Crude Oil, Synthetic Crude, Condensate, Pentanes Plus							
Production	M Barrels	28,806	30,664	6.5	179,387	195,955	9.2
Value to producer	$'000	73,286	87,580	19.5	463,422	564,917	21.9
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	13,698	14,883	8.7	79,435	88,471	11.4
Sales in United States	M Barrels	15,202	18,188	19.6	100,873	109,983	9.0
Natural Gas							
Production	M. M. C. F.	136,626	155,187	13.6	966,266	1,078,942	11.7
Sales in Canada	M. M. C. F.	56,827	60,022	5.6	423,769	449,620	6.1
Sales in United States	M. M. C. F.	49,846	59,188	18.7	324,668	392,304	20.8
Value of Sales	$'000	17,450	19,284	10.5	122,515	134,830	10.1
Propane							
Production (Gas Plants)	M Barrels	1,423	1,286	-9.6	9,362	10,835	15.7
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	480	632	31.7	4,513	5,296	17.3
Sales in United States	M Barrels	296	389	31.4	3,342	4,398	31.6
Offshore Sales	M Barrels	563	199	-64.7	1,629	1,094	-32.9
Value of Sales	$'000	2,031	1,671	-17.7	11,885	18,819	58.3
Butane							
Production (Gas Plants)	M Barrels	878	820	-6.6	5,852	6,923	18.3
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	392	433	10.5	1,760	2,458	39.7
Sales in United States	M Barrels	469	393	-16.2	3,600	3,816	6.0
Value of Sales	$'000	951	1,100	15.7	6,873	9,223	34.2
Synthetic Crude Oil							
Production	M Barrels	1,404	1,005	-28.4	5,906	7,691	30.2
Value to Producer	$'000	3,300	3,374	2.2	15,704	22,684	44.4
Sulphur							
Production	M Long Tons	287	327	13.9	2,011	2,228	10.8
Sales in Canada	M Long Tons	45	45	-	278	324	16.5
Sales in United States	M Long Tons	77	68	-11.7	484	401	-17.2
Offshore Sales	M Long Tons	135	99	-26.7	840	494	-41.2
Value of Sales	$'000	2,400	1,650	-31.3	16,025	9,319	-41.9
Pulpwood Production	Cunits	24,061	11,078	-54.0	185,681	30,899	-
	$'000	495	228	-53.9	3,822	636	-
		August 1970	August 1971		(January - August) 1970	(January - August) 1971	
Fur (Wild Life) Pelts	No. M	1	1	-	442	441	-0.2
	$'000	8	6	-25.0	1,582	1,384	-12.5

Fisheries Production for three months, 1971 totalled 6,895,597 lbs., valued at $1,587,718 as compared with 10,805,771 lbs., valued at $1,727,744 in 1970.

VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS - ALBERTA

	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and Government	Total Value (July) 1970	Total Value (July) 1971	Cumulative (Jan. - July) 1970	Cumulative (Jan. - July) 1971
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
CENSUS DIVISION 1	148	-	27	6	102	180	4,809	2,077
Medicine Hat	132	-	12	6	100	149	4,687	1,243
CENSUS DIVISION 2	1,119	208	659	1	3,567	1,987	12,867	13,386
Lethbridge	984	4	651	1	2,860	1,639	10,094	11,090
CENSUS DIVISION 3	226	-	98	-	76	324	756	2,140
CENSUS DIVISION 4	2	-	-	-	15	2	870	83
CENSUS DIVISION 5	175	-	5	-	378	179	1,110	531
Drumheller	135	-	5	-	9	139	409	332
CENSUS DIVISION 6	7,110	31	6,114	204	15,872	13,459	87,786	127,060
Calgary	6,703	-	6,107	194	14,583	13,004	84,339	123,851
CENSUS DIVISION 7	96	2	29	-	65	127	3,234	1,004
CENSUS DIVISION 8	620	24	220	106	1,031	971	6,210	5,267
Red Deer	413	24	52	91	639	580	4,598	2,959
CENSUS DIVISION 9	173	-	113	-	223	166	1,676	2,073
CENSUS DIVISION 10	579	15	93	43	290	731	1,641	3,128
Camrose	61	3	-	-	50	64	461	937
Lloydminster	304	12	66	43	90	425	408	1,193
CENSUS DIVISION 11	10,946	625	6,445	420	7,149	18,436	78,425	112,643
Edmonton	7,091	621	6,024	420	4,877	14,157	57,815	81,619
Wetaskiwin	160	-	56	-	43	216	488	580
CENSUS DIVISION 12	816	-	298	-	359	1,114	2,071	6,089
CENSUS DIVISION 13	250	-	11	-	67	262	1,149	1,461
CENSUS DIVISION 14	361	-	292	-	333	653	2,088	3,761
CENSUS DIVISION 15	2,091	61	268	5	1,950	2,425	5,705	9,500
Grande Prairie	567	61	104	-	866	732	2,080	4,139
Total - July	24,594	966	14,671	784	31,477	41,015		
January-July 1971	175,585	9,001	68,556	37,059				290,201
January-July 1970	103,756	5,815	45,215	55,611			210,397	
August 1970/1971 Preliminary					29,000	50,400	239,397	340,601

Any slight differences between the totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures.

HOUSING STATISTICS

		(July) 1970	(July) 1971	Percent Change	(January - July) 1970	(January - July) 1971	Percent Change
Alberta							
Dwelling Starts	No.	949	2,077	-	6,359	11,933	87.7
Completions	No.	1,230	1,017	-17.3	9,983	7,787	-22.0
Loan Approvals							
New Housing	No.	667	1,947	-	5,097	8,623	69.2
Existing Housing	No.	72	229	-	426	1,209	-
Dwelling Starts: Calgary							
Single-Detached	No.	193	320	65.8	1,342	1,772	32.0
Apartment	No.	133	397	-	1,006	2,703	-
Total*	No.	356	835	-	2,973	6,041	-
Dwelling Starts: Edmonton							
Single-Detached	No.	200	359	79.5	1,060	1,803	70.1
Apartment	No.	135	564	-	1,326	2,388	80.1
Total*	No.	447	1,174	-	2,906	5,018	72.7
Completions							
Calgary	No.	561	479	-14.6	4,779	3,807	-20.3
Edmonton	No.	563	373	-33.7	4,670	3,365	-27.9
Under Construction							
Calgary	No.	4,560	6,302	38.2	-	-	-
Edmonton	No.	4,131	6,738	63.1	-	-	-

*Total includes semi-detached duplex and row housing.

WHOLESALE TRADE	(July) 1970	(July) 1971	Percent Change	(January - July) 1970	1971	Percent Change
	$'000	$'000	%	$'000	$'000	%
BY TYPES:						
Amusement and Sporting Goods	929	993	6.9	7,921	8,721	10.1
Auto Supplies and Equipment	10,432	10,873	4.2	107,376	118,824	10.7
Chemicals, Drugs & Allied Products	3,112	2,796	-10.2	29,806	30,754	3.2
Dry Goods and Apparel	1,006	1,076	7.0	9,263	9,994	7.9
Electrical Goods (Household & Industrial)	11,673	8,867	-24.0	71,244	66,096	-7.2
Farm Products (Raw Materials)	156	168	7.7	1,509	1,887	25.1
Farm Supplies	104	89	-14.4	2,790	2,191	-21.5
Tobacco	4,116	4,223	2.6	28,283	29,920	5.8
Furniture and House Furnishings	1,831	2,345	28.1	22,276	24,841	11.5
Groceries and Meats	32,898	33,278	1.2	246,379	258,065	4.7
Hardware	1,561	1,767	13.2	17,315	18,329	5.9
Building Materials (Excluding Lumber)	3,713	4,066	9.5	27,648	26,793	-3.1
Lumber and Millwork	3,539	4,484	26.7	33,167	38,267	15.4
Machinery, Equipment and Supplies (Commercial and Construction)	2,115	2,298	8.7	15,753	18,419	16.9
Machinery and Equipment (Farm)	2,747	3,507	27.7	24,174	33,609	39.0
Machinery, Equipment and Supplies (Industrial)	3,711	3,908	5.3	33,406	36,419	9.0
Professional Service, Transportation Equipment and Supplies	2,730	2,383	-12.7	20,154	19,987	-0.8
Metals and Metal Work	3,796	4,012	5.7	28,477	26,258	-7.8
Paper and Paper Products	2,089	2,112	1.1	13,620	13,951	2.4
Petroleum and Petroleum Products	23,435	22,370	-4.5	141,679	146,306	3.3
Plumbing and Heating Equipment & Supp.	4,937	5,471	10.8	35,702	36,706	2.8
Miscellaneous	1,077	1,245	15.6	9,015	9,592	6.4
TOTAL	121,706*	122,329*	0.5	926,958*	975,932*	5.3
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	41,072	45,550	10.9	355,548	389,710	9.6
Edmonton	48,876	44,655	-8.6	349,192	350,858	0.5
Lethbridge	2,444	2,540	3.9	21,433	22,766	6.2
Medicine Hat	874	971	11.1	6,825	7,256	6.3
Red Deer	1,188	1,149	-3.3	10,660	10,603	-0.5
Smaller Centres	2,228	2,476	11.1	22,167	24,038	8.4
No Area Breakdown	25,025	24,987	-0.1	161,133	170,700	5.9
TOTAL	121,706	122,329*	0.5	926,958	975,932*	5.3

RETAIL TRADE:	(June) 1970	(June) 1971		(January - June) 1970	1971	
	$'000	$'000		$'000	$'000	
Grocery and Combination Stores	30,563	31,652	3.6	208,524	216,344	3.8
All Other Food Stores	3,400	3,536	4.0	19,446	20,098	3.4
Department Stores	24,818	27,884	12.4	136,974	151,425	10.6
General Merchandise Stores	4,679	5,429	16.0	28,340	30,878	9.0
General Stores	6,824	7,371	8.0	40,843	42,824	4.9
Variety Stores	2,518	2,507	-0.4	12,848	12,771	-0.6
Motor Vehicle Dealers	38,388	41,843	9.0	206,015	208,591	1.3
Service Stations and Garages	15,860	17,501	10.3	105,050	113,402	8.0
Men's Clothing Stores	2,029	2,300	13.4	12,188	12,910	5.9
Women's Clothing Stores	2,650	2,789	5.2	15,890	15,699	-1.2
Family Clothing Stores	2,728	2,992	9.7	12,314	12,105	-1.7
Shoe Stores	1,834	1,987	8.3	9,167	8,947	-2.4
Hardware Stores	3,958	4,040	2.1	17,820	18,098	1.6
Furniture, T.V., Radio and Appliance Stores	3,909	3,967	1.5	22,330	23,148	3.7
Fuel Dealers	1,697	1,904	12.2	9,847	10,778	9.5
Drug Stores	4,872	5,125	5.2	31,138	33,271	6.9
Jewellery Stores	1,156	1,185	2.5	6,256	6,522	4.3
All Other Stores	27,988	30,180	7.8	151,974	159,193	4.8
TOTAL	179,871	194,192	8.0	1,046,964	1,097,004	4.8
Preliminary (July 1970/1971)	186,761	203,289	8.9			

(1) The figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of total volume of wholesale business.

(*) Any slight differences between the totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures.

GENERAL STATISTICS

		(May) 1970	(May) 1971	Percent Change	(January - May) 1970	(January - May) 1971	Percent Change
Person's Entering Through Customs Ports in Alberta:							
U.S. Visitors	No.	24,109	30,265	25.5	83,597	93,902	12.3
Overseas Visitors	No.	1,321	1,720	30.2	2,747	3,499	27.4
Canadian Residents Returning From the U.S.	No.	34,135	36,482	6.9	129,340	137,916	6.6
Unemployment Insurance							
Benefit Weeks	No.	111,463	123,246	10.6	484,992	737,959	52.2
Benefit Payments	$'000	4,007	4,426	10.5	17,431	27,108	55.5
		(June) 1970	(June) 1971		(January - June) 1970	(January - June) 1971	
Bank Debits							
Calgary	M $'000	2,171	2,501	15.2	13,317	13,840	3.9
Edmonton	M $'000	1,900	2,250	18.4	10,220	10,713	4.8
Lethbridge	M $'000	106	150	41.5	591	639	8.1
Medicine Hat	M $'000	40	44	10.0	230	240	4.3
TOTAL	M $'000	4,218	4,945	17.2	24,358	25,432	4.4
Financing of Motor Vehicles:							
Passenger Cars	No.	2,284	854	-	12,334	8,350	-32.3
	$'000	5,376	2,586	-	28,889	18,339	-36.5
Commercial Vehicles	No.	1,256	950	-24.4	6,660	6,052	-9.1
	$'000	4,970	4,524	-9.0	28,214	24,772	-12.2
		(July) 1970	(July) 1971		(January - July) 1970	(January - July) 1971	
Social Allowance Payments	$'000	4,308	5,214	21.0	32,527	36,795	13.1
Restaurant Receipts	$'000	11,297	11,648	3.1	62,058	62,919	1.4
Aircraft Movement Statistics: Itinerant							
Calgary International	No.	7,915	8,334	5.3	42,740	48,108	12.6
Edmonton Industrial	No.	8,290	7,326	-11.6	49,980	48,683	-2.6
Edmonton International	No.	2,416	3,289	36.1	16,694	18,946	13.5
Lethbridge	No.	1,504	1,789	18.9	8,985	9,492	5.6
Foreign Vehicles Entering Through Alta. Border Points	No.	32,854	35,568	8.3	77,128	81,480	5.6
Vital Statistics:							
Marriages	No.	2,098	1,903	-9.3	8,408	8,309	-1.2
Births	No.	3,012	2,852	-5.3	19,139	18,848	-1.5
Deaths	No.	859	893	4.0	6,030	6,278	4.1
Natural Increase	No.	2,153	1,959	-9.0	13,109	12,570	-4.1
Life Insurance	$'000	59,886	64,776	8.2	432,387	468,520	8.4
		(August) 1970	(August) 1971		(January - August) 1970	(January - August) 1971	
Visitors to National Parks							
Banff: East Gate	No.	430,646	424,525	-1.4	1,792,185	1,892,085	5.6
Elk Island	No.	65,683	74,126	12.9	256,944	261,777	1.9
Jasper: East Gate	No.	352,984	343,260	-2.8	1,074,758	1,122,097	4.4
Waterton Lakes	No.	164,233	171,067	4.2	489,293	509,496	4.1
TOTAL	No.	1,013,546	1,012,978	-0.1	3,613,180	3,785,455	4.8

POPULATION
(thousands)

June 1 1966	June 1 1967	June 1 1968	June 1 1969	June 1 1970	April 1 1969	April 1 1970	April 1 1971
1,463	1,490	1,526	1,561	1,600	1,553	1,593	1,628

SHIPMENTS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES TO ALBERTA

		(June) 1970	(June) 1971	Percent Change	(January - June) 1970	(January - June) 1971	Percent Change
Stock and Poultry Feeds	Tons	79,268	92,401	16.6	593,661	665,171	12.0
Stock and Poultry Secondary Feed	Tons	12,546	12,800	2.0	65,554	71,607	9.2
Dog and Cat Feeds	Tons	1,015	1,500	47.8	5,830	9,712	66.6
Stoves: Gas	No.	641	1,057	64.9	4,577	4,790	4.7
Electric	No.	1,869	2,355	26.0	12,718	12,190	-4.2
Plywood	M Sq. ft.	16,957	24,512	44.6	107,309	111,638	4.1
T. V. Sets	No.	2,646	2,910	10.0	15,817	15,400	-2.6
Radio Phonographs	No.	670	662	-1.2	3,830	4,119	7.5
Record Players	No.	432	359	-16.9	2,727	2,576	-5.5
Farm Implements	$'000	7,052	8,783	24.5	24,192	32,861	35.8
		(July) 1970	(July) 1971		(January - July) 1970	(January - July) 1971	
Asphalt Roofing:							
Asphalt shingles, 210 lbs. & over	Roof sqs.	66,414	59,895	-9.8	282,731	290,643	2.8
Asphalt shingles, less than 210 lbs.	Roof sqs.	451	-	-	1,046	32	-
Rag & Asbestos Felt Roll Roofing (general)	Roof sqs.	4,941	3,895	-21.2	19,228	18,724	-2.6
coated BUR	Roof sqs.	4,962	874	-	8,261	4,673	-43.4
Mineral Surface Rag & Asbestos, Felt Roll Roofing & Siding	Roof sqs.	10,147	8,400	-17.2	34,426	37,970	10.3
Tar and Asphalt Felts	Tons	573	611	6.6	2,882	3,178	10.3
Tar and Asphalt Sheathing (Kraft base)	Tons	99	98	-1.0	476	651	36.8
Tar and Asphalt Sheathing (non-Kraft base)	Tons	12	13	8.3	60	68	13.3
Roofing Pitch	Tons	20	5	-	57	23	-59.6
Roofing Asphalt	Tons	1,471	3,332	-	7,321	9,395	28.3
Rigid Insulating Board: (M sq. ft. 1/2" basis)							
Building Board		239	222	-7.1	2,466	2,649	7.4
Asphalt Sheathing Board		509	663	30.3	4,373	5,431	24.2
Roof Insulation Board		2,468	2,846	15.3	12,471	12,415	-0.4
Acoustical Tile		101	60	-40.6	739	616	-16.6
Other Decorative Board		429	155	-63.9	3,233	2,056	-36.4
Other Board		120	173	44.2	528	521	-1.3
Total		3,866	4,120	6.6	23,810	23,688	-0.5
Alberta Sales of:							
Washing Machines - Automatic	No.	1,835	2,834	54.4	9,779	11,326	15.8
Conventional	No.	803	494	-38.5	5,745	3,187	-44.5
Clothes Dryers - Electric	No.	1,166	1,910	63.8	6,842	8,683	26.9
Gas	No.	274	651	-	1,736	1,981	14.1
Mechanical Refrigerators	No.	2,913	4,201	44.2	22,189	22,266	0.3
Home and Farm Freezers	No.	1,454	1,801	23.9	6,402	8,548	33.5
New Motor Vehicles:	No.	5,375	5,867	9.2	40,263*	43,983	9.2
	$'000	20,277	22,688	11.9	154,582*	169,892	9.9
Margarine	M Lbs.	1,300	1,115	-14.2	9,839	8,472	-13.9
	$'000	384	321	-16.4	2,802	2,457	-12.3

*Revised

LABOUR FORCE AND RELATED DATA
(in thousands)

		Population 14 Years of Age & Over			Labour Force					Participation Rate	Unemployment Rate
		Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Employed	Unemployed		
August	1969	1,049	532	517	651	444	207	637	14	62.1%	2.2%
August	1970	1,085	550	535	680	467	218	657	22	62.7%	3.2%
July	1971	1,119	566	552	702	474	227	674	28	62.7%	4.0%
August	1971	1,121	568	553	692	473	219	669	23	61.7%	3.3%

NUMBER AND VALUE OF PELTS PRODUCED, ALBERTA, SEASONS 1968-69 AND 1969-70

	1968-69			1969-70		
	Number	Value	Average value	Number	Value	Average value
		$	$		$	$
Wildlife:						
Badger	265	2,711	10.23	2,298	27,622	12.02
Bear:						
Black or Brown	608	15,054	24.76	624	15,931	25.53
Grizzly	-	-	-	4	431	107.77
Beaver	60,078	1,011,714	16.84	59,067	970,471	16.43
Coyote or prairie wolf	17,829	233,916	13.12	16,654	214,337	12.87
Ermine(weasel)	19,697	14,379	0.73	22,251	17,133	0.77
Fisher	487	5,980	12.28	541	11,291	20.87
Fox:						
Blue	1	6	6.50	1	7	7.00
Cross or red	378	4,919	13.01	781	12,524	16.04
Silver	12	99	8.25	22	192	8.73
White	12	222	18.48	24	462	19.25
Lynx	3,259	88,156	27.05	8,666	261,540	30.18
Marten	546	5,460	10.00	1,641	18,724	11.41
Mink	14,326	174,347	12.17	6,973	88,487	12.69
Muskrat	132,870	166,088	1.25	174,567	225,191	1.29
Otter	153	3,560	23.27	265	7,107	26.82
Rabbit	9,526	3,048	0.32	14,402	7,201	0.50
Raccoon	-	-	-	54	321	5.94
Skunk	27	10	0.36	13	11	0.85
Squirrel	421,124	193,717	0.46	199,017	93,538	0.47
Wolf	449	13,313	29.65	444	17,347	39.07
Wolverine	58	1,581	27.25	64	3,028	47.31
Sub-Total	681,705	1,938,280	-	508,373	1,992,896	-
Ranch-Raised:						
Chinchilla	4,474	46,932	10.49	5,619	55,628	9.90
Fox	6	218	36.33	19	494	26.00
Mink	169,932	2,374,626	13.99	193,230	2,078,712	10.76
Sub-Total	174,412	2,421,776	-	198,868	2,134,834	-
TOTAL	856,117	4,360,056	-	707,241	4,127,730	-

GENERAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND COMPONENT ITEMS FOR CALGARY - EDMONTON (1961 = 100)

		General CPI	Food	Housing	Clothing	Transportation	Health: Personal Care	Recreation: Reading	Tobacco: Alcohol
August	1969	122.4	126.9	115.9	124.6	117.1	136.7	130.1	122.6
August	1970	125.7	130.5	118.9	126.4	121.2	144.0	134.3	124.1
July	1971	128.2	133.2	120.6	128.8	125.1	147.7	137.3	125.3
August	1971	128.8	134.2	120.7	128.8	127.3	149.8	137.3	125.3

On the basis of yields indicated at August 15, 1971 production of the principal field crops in Alberta (millions of bushels; 1970 figures in brackets) is forecast as follows: wheat 90 million (72), oats 89 million (117), barley 245 million (198), rye 5.3 million (4.8), flaxseed 5.3 million (11.4), mixed grains 20 million (21), rapeseed 38 million (25.5).

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The total farm value of commercial vegetable crops (including cabbage, carrots, corn, cucumbers, onions, peas and turnips) in Alberta in 1970 was $1.5 million. Acreage planted amounted to 6,160 acres compared to 4,760 in 1969.

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Preliminary figures on Alberta road and street mileage for 1970 indicate that mileage increased by 0.3% over 1969 to 94,490 miles. Mileage of paved roads totalled 8,973, of gravel roads 67,374, earth roads 18,143 miles.

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An apartment vacancy survey carried out in July in 34 municipalities (excluding the larger cities) throughout Alberta indicates an overall vacancy rate of 3.1%. A total of fifteen of the thirty-four communities surveyed reported no vacancies; a further eight communities reported vacancy rates of less than 3%.

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Total operating revenue of the twenty-two class 1, common trucking firms (firms with gross annual operating revenues of $500,000 or more, hiring out to the general public) in the province in 1969 amounted to $90.6 million. Operating expenses totalled $86 million, leaving net operating revenues of $4.6 million.

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In the first six months of 1971 a total of 4,035 Canadian immigrants indicated Alberta as their province of destination. The comparable 1970 figure was 4,899 persons.

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Total operating revenue of the 23 privately owned radio broadcasting stations in Alberta amounted to $10.5 million in 1970. Operating expenses totalled $8.6 million for a net operating profit of $1.8 million. The seven privately owned television broadcasting stations in the province had operating revenues of $10 million and expenses of $7.7 million for a net operating profit of $2.3 million.

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PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF ALBERTA
SELECTED MUNICIPALITIES, 1967 AND 1968

Municipality	Year	Establishments	Employees		Value Of Shipments Of Goods of Own Manufacture	Total Value Added
		Number	Number	Salaries and Wages		
				($'000)	($'000)	($'000)
Brooks	1967	7	45	168	1,106	384
	1968	9	50	209	1,551	503
Calgary	1967	470	13,772	77,664	465,898	182,043
	1968	494	13,878	83,248	477,270	182,649
Calgary (metro)	1967	470	13,772	77,664	465,898	182,043
	1968	494	13,878	83,248	477,270	182,649
Claresholm	1967	6	35	138	818	265
	1968	7	41	173	1,281	390
Drumheller	1967	7	43	193	443	298
	1968	6	36	173	455	274
Edmonton	1967	520	16,173	85,051	414,653	163,115
	1968	538	16,117	89,536	439,577	167,748
Edmonton (metro)	1967	560	19,550	108,507	617,735	256,892
	1968	575	19,257	113,674	648,462	263,237
Grande Prairie	1967	16	614	2,658	10,355	5,138
	1968	16	684	3,391	16,181	7,757
Innisfail	1967	8	55	214	1,224	490
	1968	7	48	203	1,239	517
Lacombe	1967	9	77	303	1,448	615
	1968	9	78	326	1,372	606
Lethbridge	1967	82	2,188	11,034	107,433	25,233
	1968	80	2,329	12,795	125,864	34,653
Lloydminster	1967	11	369	2,297	13,575	4,469
	1968	11	367	2,501	13,675	4,022
Medicine Hat and Redcliff	1967	50	1,998	10,662	52,552	21,028
	1968	49	2,001	11,254	66,002	22,110
Peace River	1967	6	50	217	915	474
	1968	6	52	249	765	458
Ponoka	1967	11	52	203	1,030	414
	1968	10	49	214	1,090	400
Red Deer	1967	35	626	3,213	37,445	8,203
	1968	37	668	3,564	41,376	9,505
St. Paul	1967	5	40	149	822	330
	1968	5	41	165	811	314
Stettler	1967	7	44	167	1,062	410
	1968	7	49	209	1,142	468
Wetaskiwin	1967	13	169	723	7,077	1,715
	1968	12	259	1,252	8,575	2,730

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS - SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES ALBERTA 1968 - 1969

Industry	Year	Establishments Number	Employees Number	Employees Salaries and Wages ($'000)	Value Of Shipments Of Goods of Own Manufacture ($'000)	Total Value Added ($'000)
Flour Mills	1968	7	568	2,950	34,495	6,120
	1969	7	511	2,623	31,805	6,144
Ophthalmic Goods Manufacturers	1968	10	179	814	2,116	1,239
	1969	10	192	918	2,495	1,397
Plastics Fabricators N. E. S.	1968	30	343	1,743	6,026	3,493
	1969	30	372	2,018	7,417	3,690
Jewellery & Silverware Manufacturers	1968	5	31	144	299	205
	1969	4	23	91	231	184
Bakeries	1968	175	1,783	8,612	27,268	15,789
	1969	170	1,825	9,192	29,257	17,138
Feed Manufacturers	1968	86	740	4,262	45,666	10,878
	1969	84	733	4,442	43,828	10,449
Soft Drink Manufacturers	1968	24	872	4,461	17,037	9,461
	1969	21	817	4,616	20,331	9,617
Sawmills and Planing Mills	1968	133	2,157	9,743	35,389	18,937
	1969	148	2,311	11,360	38,934	20,493
Steel Pipe and Tube Mills	1968	5	x	x	x	x
	1969	5	703	4,906	53,462	11,470
Slaughtering and Meat Processors	1968	40	4,734	30,942	380,053	55,179
	1969	42	4,607	31,839	393,391	61,580
Confectionery Manufacturers	1968	5	18	52	217	105
	1969	5	30	138	207	102
Manufacturers of Industrial Chemicals	1968	11	1,594	11,532	77,598	46,579
	1969	12	1,490	12,310	71,763	43,913
Poultry Processors	1968	8	548	2,043	15,840	4,000
	1969	6	465	2,019	16,848	4,146
Miscellaneous Food Industries	1968	11	281	1,578	18,505	6,659
	1969	12	306	1,862	21,134	8,189
Dairy Products Industries	1968	104	x	x	x	x
	1969	92	2,659	15,312	86,853	27,982
Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry	1968	245	12,120	111,149	1,039,521*	1,007,380
	1969	282	12,629	124,759	1,130,531*	1,094,861
Communications Equipment Manufacturers	1968	6	212	905	5,000	2,751
	1969	7	336	1,717	8,401	3,168
Petroleum Refineries	1968	9	1,032	8,492	154,883	37,091
	1969	10	1,036	9,270	175,274	46,487
Instruments and Related Products Manufacturers	1968	4	x	x	x	x
	1969	4	140	845	2,398	1,405
Boatbuilding and Repair Industry	1968	4	x	x	x	x
	1969	3	13	51	174	104

* Value of Marketable Production

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Symbols

N/A	-	figures not available
M	-	thousands
M $'000	-	millions of dollars
M M C F	-	millions of cubic feet
F. B. M.	-	foot board measure
Sqs.	-	squares

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